

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11 are amended. New claims 12 - 20 are added.
No claims are cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11 have been amendment to more clearly delineate intended subject matter and are not intended to be narrowing amendments. In fact, some amendments are believed to have broadenend the affected claims. Accordingly, no prosecution history estoppel should apply.

Support for new claims 12 – 20 may be found in the specification of the present application at least at pp. 4 –9 with reference to Figures 1 – 5. No new matter has been added.

In the November 17, 2005 Final Action, Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4 and 9 – 11 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,134,017 to Schlank (the "'017 patent") under 35 USC § 102 (e). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The '017 patent appears to show computing equipment 10, such as a MacIntosh or IBM PC or PC compatible computer having a windowing envionment such as Microsoft Windows. ["017 patent, col. 3, ll. 49 – 52] A facsimile machine 18 may be connected to computing equipment 10 by a parallel interface 30 such as an IEEE 1284 bi-directional parallel interface to permit communications between computing equipment

10 and facsimile machine 18. [‘017, col. 4, ll. 20 – 24] Parallel interface 30 enables transmission of data from facsimile machine 18 to computing equipment 10 while facsimile machine 18 is functioning as a scanner and transmission of data from computing equipment 10 to facsimile machine 18 when facsimile machine 18 is functioning as a printer. However, the ‘017 patent does not appear to show any communication across parallel interface 30 for use in connection with selecting drivers to be used at computing equipment 10 for processing scanned images.

Assignee respectfully submits that the ‘017 patent does not appear to disclose, suggest or make obvious selecting a driver “in response to one or more inputs provided to a **browser** hosted at said station and received at said server **over a data transmission network**” as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1, and claims 2 through 11 depending therefrom, distinguish over the ‘017 patent.

New claims 12 through 20 include limitations similar to those in claim 1 which are quoted above. Accordingly, these new claims similarly distinguish over the ‘017 patent.

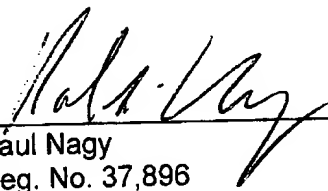
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner finds an reason why this application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (310) 541-7832 to discuss the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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